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QUARTERLY JOURNAL
OF THE
STATISTICAL SOCIETY.

JUNE, 1859.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of the Statistical Society.

[Held at the Rooms of the Society, 12, St. James's Square, London, on Tuesday,
15th March, 1859.]

RIGHT HON. HOLT MACKENZIE, *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

MR. NEWMARCH, one of the Honorary Secretaries, read the following Report of the Council on the Progress of the Society during the past year:—

Report of the Council for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1858, and for the Sessional Year ended March, 1859.

THE Council have the pleasure of reporting a satisfactory condition of the Society at the completion of the first quarter of a century of its career.

At the present time (March, 1859), the Number of Fellows is 359 (including 72 Life Members) as against 367 (including 71 Life Members) at the corresponding date last year (1858). During the twelve months now ended, the losses by resignations and death have been 23, and the admissions have been 15.

The Income of the Year ended 31st December, 1858 (omitting the Banker's Balance from 1857), has been 824*l.*, and the Expenditure 682*l.*, leaving a surplus in the Year of 142*l.*, and providing an actual Balance at the Bankers to be carried to 1859, of no less than 311*l.*—a larger balance than the Society has possessed for a very long period. The amount of Liabilities at the close of 1858, included no more than the usual items.

Availing themselves of the funds at their disposal, the Council have just completed the publication of a CATALOGUE of the Library

of the Society. The publication of this Catalogue can scarcely fail to be an important aid to the pursuits of the Fellows.*

It has also been a leading object in the recent numbers of the *Journal*, to introduce, under the title of Quarterly Returns, carefully prepared and condensed summaries of the more important Monthly Official Tables relating to Imports, Exports, Shipping, Bullion, Poor Relief, &c.; so that the Fellows may possess, in a scientific form, a continuous register of some of the most essential of the data indicative of the progress of the country.

The Monthly Meetings have been well attended.

The following is a List of the Papers which have been read:—

Mr. Wilkinson.—On Railway Terminal Accommodation, and its Effects on Traffic Results.

Mr. Lumley.—On the Administration of Relief to the Poor in the Metropolis.

Mr. Hendriks.—On Indian Revenues and Taxation.

Mr. Welton.—On the Occupations of the People of England and Wales.

Mr. Willich.—On the Population of England and France.

Mr. Roberts.—On the *Congrès de Bienfaisance* at Frankfort, 1857.

Mr. Lamanski.—On Russian Statistics.

Rev. C. B. Robinson.—On the Statistics of Prices in the Peculiar of Snaith (Yorkshire), in the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth Centuries.

Mr. Fox.—On the Vital Statistics of the Society of Friends.

Mr. Chadwick.—On the Statistical Evidence of the Results of Competition for Whole Fields of Service.

Mr. Newmarch.—On the Electoral Statistics of England and Wales. Part II. Results of Further Evidence.

The proceedings at Leeds of the Section (F) of Economic Science and Statistics, under the able Presidency of Mr. Edward Baines, a gentleman whose fame and eminence as a statist have been long recognized, fully maintained the interest which has gradually been established in connection with that Department of the labours of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Council have great pleasure in placing on record that the Second Meeting in October last, at Liverpool, of the National Association for the Advancement of Social Science, under the Presidency of Lord John Russell, afforded probably the most signal proof hitherto disclosed, of the deep importance which is at length

* The price of the Catalogue is 2s. 6d. to Fellows and 3s. 6d. to non-Fellows. Copies may be obtained by Fellows at the Society's Rooms.

attached by the general public to the pursuits and inquiries which five and twenty years ago were first made the object of distinct recognition by the formation of this Society.

In connection with the name of Lord John Russell, the Council have the gratification to announce that his Lordship has acceded to their request to place him in nomination this day for the office of President, in succession to Lord Stanley, whose tenure of office ceases, in conformity with the rules.

Among the losses by death during the year, the Council have had the painful task of including the name of Mr. Hallam. Mr. Hallam was one of the Founders of this Society, and one of its most active supporters in its earlier years. For a long period our list of Officers has been graced and fortified by his name as a trustee; and the Council, in their own name, and in that of the Fellows, desire to share in the deep and general expressions of admiration for Mr. Hallam's attainments and of respect for his character, which have arisen in all parts of the country.

Dr. Camps moved, and Dr. Truman seconded, the Adoption of the Report, together with the Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure, and the Balance Sheet of Assets and Liabilities.

A Ballot was then taken for the President, Council, and Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths, and the following was declared to be the List:—

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1859-60.

President.

Right Hon. Lord John Russell, M.P.

Council.

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.
James Bird, M.D.
Sir John Peter Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.
Samuel Brown
James Caird, M.P.
William Camps, M.D.
Edward Cheshire
Viscount Ebrington
William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.
Albany Fonblanque
Rt. Hon. Wm. Ewart Gladstone, M.P.
James William Gilbert, F.R.S.
Francis Henry Goldsmid, Q.C.
William Augustus Guy, M.B.
Peter Hardy, F.R.S.
Right Hon. the Earl of Harrowby.

Bernard Hebel
Frederick Hendriks
James Heywood, F.R.S.
William Barwick Hodge
Thomas Hodgkin, M.D.
William Golden Lumley
The Right Hon. Holt Mackenzie
William Newmarch
The Right Hon. Sir John Somerset
Pakington, Bart., M.P.
Right Hon. Lord John Russell, M.P.
Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.
John Strang, LL.D.
Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.
Richard Valpy
James Wilson M.P.

The names of the New Members of the Council are placed in Italic.

Treasurer.

William Farr, M.D., F.R.S.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Newmarch | William Augustus Guy, M.B. | William G. Lumley.

Mr. Fox moved, and Mr. Galsworthy seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring President, Council, and Officers.

Mr. Hodge moved, and Mr. Hendriks seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Mackenzie, in returning thanks, advocated the claims of the Society for support upon public men, and especially on Members of either House of Parliament. It had been said that Members of Parliament had a plentiful supply of Statistics. This was true: but the object of the Society was to place the results deduced from the rude and undigested mass of Parliamentary Returns in an intelligible form. He hoped that every Fellow would do his utmost to keep up the numbers of the Society, by bringing its merits to the notice of his friends.

The following is the Report of the Auditors:—

“The Auditors, appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1858, herewith report:—

“That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books, with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1858, and find them perfectly correct; showing the Receipts (including a Balance of 168*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* from 1857) to have been 993*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*, and the Payments 681*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 311*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* They have also had laid before them an Estimate made by the Council of the Assets and Liabilities of the Society; the former amounting to 1,899*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, and the latter to 170*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*,—showing a balance in favour of the Society of 1,728*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

“G. SOWRAY,
“FREDERICK PURDY, } *Auditors.*
“SAMUEL BROWN,

London, 3rd February, 1859.

The statement of Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities, is as follows:—

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1858, AND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ON 31st DECEMBER, 1858.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from 31st December, 1857, viz.:—			Rent		75 - -
Cash at Bankers	£168	19 8	Salaries		180 - -
Less Petty Cash overdrawn	-	3 1	Printing Journal		265 6 -
	168	16 7	Advertising		21 2 6
Dividends		26 5 9	Library		16 16 3
Subscriptions—282 for 1858 at £2 2s.	£592	4 -	Index and Catalogue		7 6 6
2 for 1859 at £2 2s.	4	4 -	Stationery and Sundry Printing		43 13 5
Arrears—8 at £2 2s.	16	16 -	Incidental Expenses		16 11 9
Compositions—3 at £21		63 4 -	Ordinary Meetings		20 12 7
Journal Sales		63 - -	Fire and Light		7 16 -
Advertisements in Journal		65 3 5	Special Outlays (Committee on Beneficent Institutions)		20 13 6
		65 15 -	Postage and Receipt Stamps		8 2 8
			Balance carried to 1859, viz.:—		681 19 2
			Cash at Bankers	£304	- 2
			Petty Cash in hand	7	6 5
				311	6 7
				£993	4 9
LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing Journal, December, 1858	70	9 -	Cash Balance		311 5 7
Stationery and Sundry Printing	14	6 3	Investments—		
Index and Catalogue	56	5 6	3 per Cent. Consols, £328 15s. 4d., ...	cost	£300
Advertising Journal, December, 1858	5	12 9	New 3 per Cents., £567 17s. -d., ...	"	567
Office Expenses, viz.:—	£7	8 6	Property—Books in Library		867 - -
Lighting	7	3 -	Journals in Stock		£400
Glazier	4	8 -	Furniture		200
Sundries	18	16 9	Arrears recoverable		100
		4 17 -			700 - -
		170 7 3			21 - -
Balance in favour of Society		1,728 18 4			
		£1,899 5 7			£1,899 5 7